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SUBJ: BERTIN BORNA'S VIEWS ON DAHOMEAN POLITICAL
SITUATION

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1. IN APR 9 CONVERSATION WITH ME BERTIN BORNA REITERATED TODAY
ASSERTION THAT NEITHER UN, IBRD OR GOS IS CONCERNED ABOUT
DEATH SENTENCE SPECIAL DAHOMEY TRIBUNAL HAS HANDED DOWN
AGAINST HIM. HE INTENDS TO PUSH AHEAD WITH HIS
WORK AS UNDP RESREP. BORNA SAID HE HAD RECVD EMISSARIES FROM
COTONOU REPRESENTING MEMBERS OF
COURT WHO CLAIM THEY DID NOT RPT NOT JOIN IN VERDICT.

2. HIS ESTIMATE OF CURRENT SITUATION IN DAHOMEY
IS THAT KEREKOU REGIME WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY
WEAKENED BY INTERNAL STRIFE TO POINT WHERE MODERATE
MILITARY COUP COULD SUCCEED AND USHER IN NEW
GOVT OF CIVILIAN/MILITARY COALITION.
DEATH SENTENCE AGAINST EMILE ZINSOU HAS
STRENGTHENED ZINSOU'S POSITION. OF ALL THE
OLDLINE, PRE-MRGD POLITICIANS, ZINSOU WOULD
APPEAR ONLY ONE WITH CHANCE TO TAKE OVER, ACCORDING
TO BORNA.

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